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In re Application of: DIAB et al. :
Appl. No.: 10/677,050 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 30, 2003 : Under 37 CFR 1.59
For: SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS :

This is a response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed on December 22, 2005 by which petitioners request to expunge information from the above identified application.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that documents listed on the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 22, 2005 be expunged from the record. Petitioner states that either (A) that the information contains trade secret material, proprietary material and/or material that is subject to a protective order which has not been made public; or (B) that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (g) has been paid.

The information in question has been determined by the undersigned to not be material to the examination of the instant application. A listing with all cited materials lined through by the examiner as not considered material to patentability was attached to the Notice of Allowance..

Applicant is required to retain the expunged material(s) for the life on any patent which issues on the above-identified application. The expunged material has been removed from the official file. The material has been closed from public view in the Image File Wrapper system.

Petition to expunge GRANTED

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